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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENTS/ SEQUENCE LISTING**

Sir:

In response to the January 2, 2003 PTO Communication for the above-identified matter, the Applicant hereby elects **Group I** (Claims 10-14 and 21-31) **without traverse**. Please cancel claims 32-38 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The January 2, 2003 restriction requirement stated that claims 10-14 and 21-31 (Group I) and claims 32-38 (Group II) were patentably distinct. Applicant has elected claims to an isolated molecule embodied in Group I without traverse.

The application is objected to as failing to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825. Pursuant to a telecon with the Examiner on January 31, 2003, the Applicant reiterates that no sequences exist in the specification. Rather, the variable light chains being modified are well-known and available through several public